FIRST SERGEANT JEFFERY S. PALACIOS'S BIO

First Sergeant Jeffery S. Palacios enlisted in the United States Army in July 1991 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky where he trained as a 19K Armor Crewman. First Sergeant Palacios has served in every position from Tank Driver through Tank Commander, BNCOC Senior Small Group Leader, Senior Observer/Controller Trainer, Platoon Sergeant and First Sergeant. His assignments include: two tours to Iraq (May 2009 to April 2010, August to December 2011), one tour to Afghanistan (June 2012 to March 2013), Platoon Sergeant and First Sergeant from January 2008 to June 2013, 4-6 IN, 4-1 AD, Fort Bliss, Texas; Senior OC/T from November 2004 to November 2007, 2-358 AR, 191 IN BDE, Fort Lewis, Washington; Platoon Sergeant from May 2003 to November 2004, 1-72 AR, 1-2 ID, Camp Casey, Korea; BNCOC Senior SGL from November 2000 to April 2003, USA NCOA, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Tank Commander from July 1998 to October 2000, 1/1 CAV, 1 AD, Budigen, Germany; Tank Gunner, Tank Commander from July 1996 to June 1998, 1/8 CAV, 1 CD, Fort Hood, Texas. First Sergeant Palacios is currently serving as the Operations Company, Headquarter and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

First Sergeant Palacios military schools and education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, First Sergeant Course, Battle Staff Course, Equal Opportunity Course, United States Air Force Airlift Planner Course, Non-Lethal Weapons Instructor Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Small Group Instructor Course and Hazmat Course.

First Sergeant Palacios awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (2nd OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3rd OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4th OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4th OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Noncommissioned Office Ribbon (w/Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (w/Numeral 4), NATO Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge and Drivers Badge.

First Sergeant Palacios is a recipient of the Order of Saint George Medallion and the Order of Saint Maurice (Legionnaire).

First Sergeant Palacios is married to the former Olga G. Juarez and they have two daughters, Marissa and Allyssa.

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